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pre-med student and scholar-athlete of the year in 1980, he attended Ohio State University College of Medicine, on a United States Air Force Health Professions Scholarship, where he was awarded his M.D. in 1983.

The University of Michigan Department of Orthopedics then selected him to train in general surgery and orthopedic surgery.

Fulfilling a life-long dream to fly fighter aircraft, in 1984 after completing his internship, he suspended his training in orthopedics to enter

active duty as flight surgeon for the 335 Tactical Fighter Squadron "Chiefs" flying F-4 Phantoms at Seymour Johnson AFB Goldsboro, NC.

In 1987, Dr. Littlefield was selected to the USAF orthopedic surgery training program at the Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas.

It was during this time that Jesus Christ became his Lord and Savior.

Twice before, Dr. Littlefield was told he had been saved, but he was uncertain of that fact.

He was divorced in 1988, and at that time, he had never failed at anything.

"God took me to the bottom," Dr. Littlefield said. "My life was falling apart."

He found the Lord in San Antonio as he read Galatians 2:20: *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

"I was saved in 1989," he said. "It'll be 25 years ago in October. There was a time

in my life that I was really convinced that I would never be saved. Finally, I was at peace with God."

Dr. Littlefield said he would have been amazed if 25 years ago, someone had told him anyone would be interested in hearing his Christian testimony.

"Twenty-five years ago, the Lord's name was my favorite curse word," he said. "I am a sinner; I was a sinner. Today, I'm saved by Grace. We have a wonderful Savior."

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all of TVA's bodies of water meet a certain flood guide level; the flood guide level provides protection for downstream communities.

Three inches of rain in May will help Nottely achieve the goal of full pool by June 1, Barnett said.

"If we get normal rainfall in May, I fully expect it to be at full pool," Barnett said.

Nottely Dam was built during World War II. Construction began in 1941 and



An aerial view of Nottely Dam shows the shape of the many islands that surround the TVA lake.

was completed in 1942.

The dam is 197 feet high and stretches 3,915 feet across the Nottely River.

Nottely Dam is a hydroelectric facility. It has one generating unit with a net dependable capacity of 18 megawatts.

Net dependable capacity is the amount of power a dam can produce on an average day, minus the electricity used by the dam itself.

In a year with normal rainfall, the water level in Nottely Reservoir varies about 20 feet from summer to winter to provide seasonal flood storage.

The reservoir has a flood-storage capacity of 61,600 acre-feet.

Lake Chatuge in Towns County is in a similar position as Nottely. Currently at 1,924.47, reaching full pool at

1,926 is almost a slam-dunk.

Lake Hiwassee in Western North Carolina isn't as fortunate, coming in at 9 feet below full pool at its current level.

"If we get normal rainfall, we should be able to reach full pool in Hiwassee," Barnett said. "Of the three lakes, it's the one that is in the most jeopardy of reaching full pool. I expect it to get really close to full summer pool."

The news is good in North Georgia and Western North Carolina. However, the northern half of the Tennessee Valley is dealing with considerably less than full pool, Barnett said.

"Lake Norris, around Knoxville, TN, and Cherokee Watershed, on the Holston River in east Tennessee, things aren't looking as good. The rains came and hit the

North Georgia Mountains pretty good," Barnett said. "The Northern part of the Tennessee Valley experienced only about 50 percent of normal rainfall. It's not looking good."

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) came to fruition when President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed the TVA Act into law on May 18, 1933.

The utility, a corporation owned by the United States government, provides wholesale power to 9 million customers through its distributors in parts of seven Southeastern states.

TVA also provides flood control, navigation and land management for the Tennessee River system and assists utilities and state and local governments with economic development.

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Daniel began his law enforcement career in Union County at the county's detention center in 2010.

He completed his corrections officer training in 2011. He also completed security and integrity training in 2012.

In 2013, Daniel completed GCIC training, and in 2014, he began and completed his peace officer's training in Forsyth.

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for ramps today. We've had slaw ramps, we've had pesto made with ramps, squash casserole with ramps, ramps and fried potatoes, bratwurst with ramps, ramp burgers, we've had ramp hushpuppies and we've had deep fried ramps," Union County Farmers Market Manager Mickey Cummings said.

"We've had a steady flow of people that have come through," Cummings said. "I don't know the exact head count but, I'd say we've had about 2,000 to 3,000 people here today, so, it's been a good day."

Willy Kerr of Mountain View Farms donated seven-dozen eggs for the ramps and eggs delicacy, Cummings said.

The patrons liked all these recipes.

Newt Miller and Bob Ledford were back with their best tasting recipe, fried potatoes and ramps, Cummings said.

The Ramp Festival is a precursor to what comes up on June 7th when the Farmers Market opens for the 2014 Season.

"I think come June 7th when we open, we'll have plenty of produce for sale," Cummings said.

"We're proud to have these two working in Union

County," Sheriff Mason said.